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SUBJECT: GIEREK-HUSAK MEETING IN TATRAS

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1. SUMMARY: BY COMPARISON WITH THE POLISH-CZECHOSLOVAK SUMMIT  
LAST JULY IN PRAGUE, THE "FRIENDLY WORKING VISIT" OF BOTH PARTY AND  
STATE LEADERS IN THE TATRA MOUNTAINS MAY 23-24 WAS A VERY PRIVATE  
AFFAIR, SIMILAR TO THE HUSAK-GIEREK MEETING IN ZAKOPANE MARCH 1977.  
WHETHER THIS MEANS THAT ISSUES OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO BOTH SIDES  
WERE DISCUSSED OR THAT THERE WERE DISAGREEMENTS DOES NOT EMERGE  
FROM THE LIGHT COVERAGE GIVEN THE MEETING BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
MEDIA. WE EXPECT THAT, AS USUAL, A CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT HAPPENED  
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MAY BE DRAWN BY THE WARSAW PRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE STATEMENT ISSUED ABOUT THE MEETING INDICATES THAT THE TWO  
PARTY LEADERS AND THEIR PRIME MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE FULL GAMUT  
OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES. WHILE EXPRESSING "DEEP  
SATISFACTION" OVER THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES, THE TWO SIDES "EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY OF SYSTEMATIC

FULFILLMENT OF THE COMMITMENTS LAID DOWN IN THE LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENT." THIS FORMULATION COULD WELL INDICATE THAT THERE WERE COMPLAINTS ON ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER ABOUT INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE COOPERATION.

3. FOREIGN POLICY PORTIONS OF THE JOINT STATEMENT ARE UNREMARKABLE. BOTH SIDES VOICED DETERMINATION TO STRIVE FOR SUCCESS OF THE CURRENT SSOD IN NEW YORK.

4. AS FOR PARTY RELATIONS, THE STATEMENT CONTAINED A CALL FOR FURTHER CONSOLIDATING THE UNITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' MOVEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLES OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM. THE MEETING WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN HELD IN A "CORDIAL" ATMOSPHERE, IN A SPIRIT OF "FULL MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING."

5. ON INTERNAL POLITICAL ISSUES, WE SUSPECT HUSAK AND GIEREK MAY WELL HAVE DEVOTED SOME ATTENTION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PROBLEMS WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS. WE ALSO WONDER WHETHER THEY MIGHT HAVE COMPARED NOTES ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS.

6. COMMENT: AN EDITORIAL IN MAY 26 RUDE PRAVO NOTES THAT "OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND HAS AN INDUSTRIAL PLANT WHICH FOR THE MOST PART IS "YOUNGER" THAN FIVE YEARS, AND AT THE SAME TIME IT HAS A RICH STORE OF RAW MATERIALS." "THIS COMMENT FROM THE RESOUCCE-POOR CZECHOSLOVAKS MAY INDICATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES, PERHAPS REGARDING THE ISSUE OF THE POLISH TRADE DEFICIT. WE TEND TO DISCOUNT LOCAL SPECULATION THAT HUSAK AND GIEREK MAY HAVE DISCUSSED THEIR RESPECTIVE TRADE POSITIONS VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIETUNION WITH THE AIM OF ENGINEERING A COMMON FRONT ON ENERGY SUPPLIES IN ADVANCE OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO PRAGUE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MAY 30. WE SUSPECT THAT THERE WERE ENOUGH BILATERAL PROBLEMS TO OCCUPY THE TWO DELEGATIONS WITHOUT COURTING SUCH A RISKY VENTURE AS THAT.

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